

# BENVENUTI A ITALIA! LET'S GO TO LUCCA!

There are quite a number of ways to get to our hidden gem of Tuscany, Lucca! Depending upon where you fly into, your route will be a little different.

The closest airports to Lucca are in Pisa and Florence. If you find a cheap flight through Rome, that's also a good option but just be ready for a longer train ride to get to Lucca. Luckily, it's a gorgeous train ride!

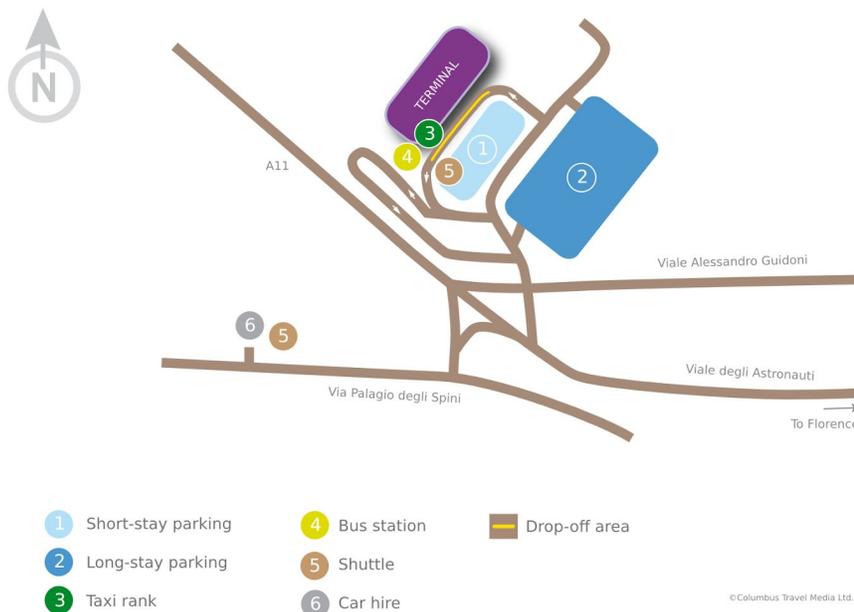
Whenever buying a train ticket to Lucca, make sure you're buying a ticket for **LUCCA**, not Bagni di Lucca! Bagni is close but not the Lucca center where we'll be staying.

- **From Florence Airport (Aeroporto di Firenze) → Florence Train Station (Firenze Santa Maria Novella)**

There are a few ways to get to the city center from the airport in Florence, which is Northwest of the city center.

- **Taxi:** By far the easiest way is via Taxi. There will be a line for the Taxi cue right outside the Florence airport (the green #3 on the map below). It will be about a 15 minute ride and cost about €22 (they're fixed rates...€24 on Holidays, or €25.30 at night. Extra bags will cost €1 each). You can be taken to **Santa Maria Novella**, or **la Stazione**, or a hotel if you're staying for a bit!
- **Shuttle Bus:** There is a shuttle that runs every half hour from 6 AM - 11:30 PM that goes straight to the main train station, Santa Maria Novella. It costs 6 euros for a ticket and can be purchased on board the shuttle in cash. Look for the **Volainbus** outside the airport past the Taxi stand. When exiting the airport, it will be to the right past the Taxi stand (the yellow #4 on the map). It takes about 20 minutes or more if the traffic is heavy.

FLORENCE AIRPORT (FLR)



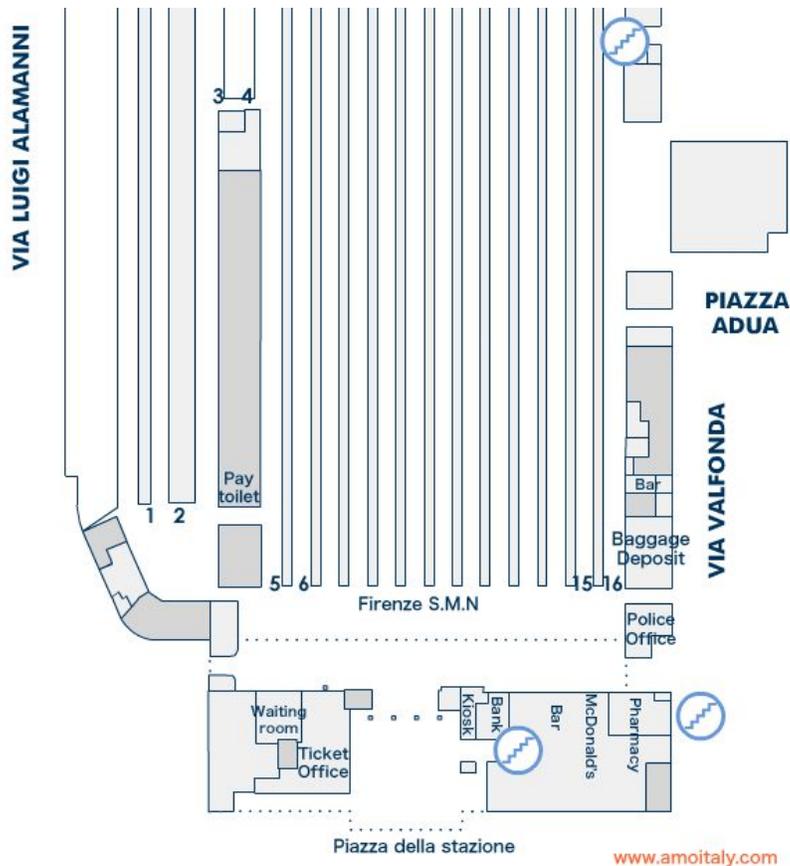
- **From Florence Train Station (*Firenze S.M. Novella*) → Lucca**

The Florence train station, aka ***Firenze Santa Maria Novella*** or ***Firenze S. M. Novella***, is about half the size of the Rome train station but just as convenient. There's food, restrooms and things to keep you busy while you wait for your train. You can find WIFI in some of the bars or cafes in the station too (WOOT!). There's also a baggage check (***Deposito Bagaglio***) if you'd like to check out the city for a bit before catching a train.

Baggage deposit is along platform (***Binario***) 16, you can pay for it by the day or hour.

If arriving at Firenze S.M.N. via bus, it will drop you off outside the station in *Piazza della Stazione*. If coming by Taxi, you'll be along *Via Valfonda*.

Enter the station and in the main hall you'll see lines of ticket kiosks (where the dotted lines are below the platforms on the map).



- Purchase your ticket to Lucca (see Train Instructions) and get it validated. Now is a great time to get a water or snack for the train ride! There will be restrooms on the train (usually not as clean as the train station, though).

There are two different trains that travel west between Firenze and Lucca...

One of them is the "fast" train (80 minutes) and makes fewer stops along the way. The other, which follows the same track, takes 1 hour & 45 minutes and stops at every small town between here and there.

The tricky part is that the faster train has Viareggio as the end destination on the departure board (Lucca is the second-to-last stop on that line, just after Altopascio). The slower train has Lucca as the final destination on the board, so don't be fooled.

Firenze S. M. Novella 13:10 *	→	Lucca 14:29	☉ 1h 19' *	Regionale 3060 ⓘ	from	7.60 €	▼
Firenze S. M. Novella 13:38	→	Lucca 15:23	☉ 1h 45'	Regionale 3062 ⓘ	from	7.60 €	▼

The faster train leaves Firenze almost every hour at 10 minutes past the hour (marked with the red asterisk above \* ...15:10, 16:10, etc) and gets to Lucca at :29 after, i.e. a train leaving at 16:10 will arrive at 17:29.

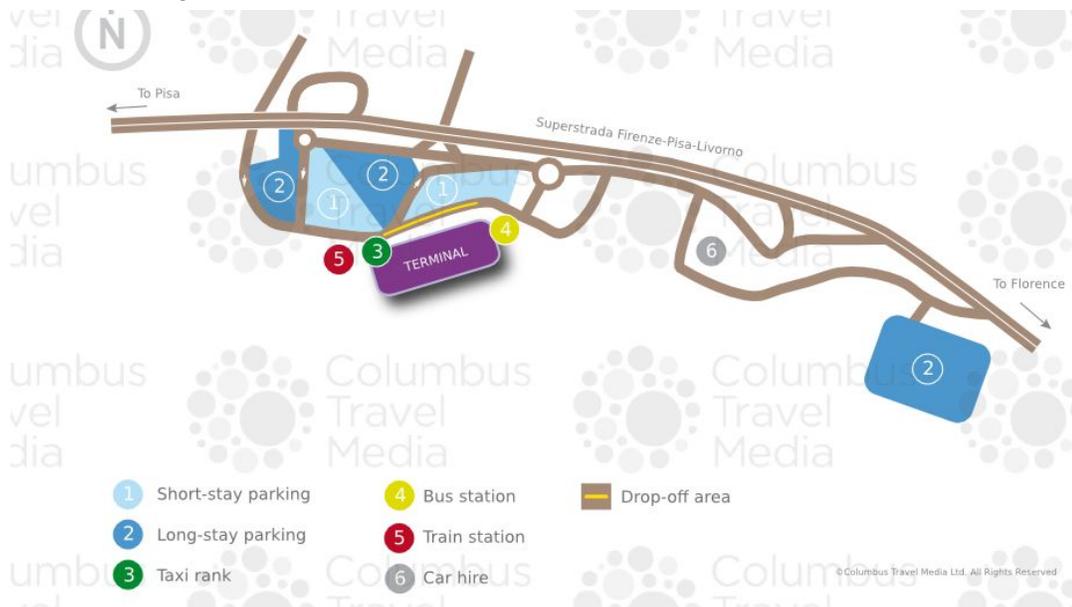
The slow train leaves at :38 past the hour; avoid that one if possible, but if it's the soonest one leaving and you just want to be on your way, go for it!

**Be aware that once on board, you can't always hear the announcements on the train. Going from Firenze to Lucca, keep an eye/ear out for "Altopascio." That's the last stop before Lucca (9 minutes prior). Remember that if you get on the train that leaves at 10 minutes past the hour, the train should arrive in Lucca at 29 minutes past the following hour, as long as the train is running on time.**

- **From Pisa Airport (*Aeroporto di Pisa*) → Lucca**

Pisa is one of the few airports in Italy that has a train station leaving from the actual airport. YAY! This means you can buy your ticket at the airport to go all the way to Lucca. You can of course take a taxi to the train station if you'd like but we'd recommend just sticking with the trains.

The Pisa Airport calls it the "People Mover" and it will take you from the airport directly to the **Pisa Centrale** train station where you'll change trains for the final leg to Lucca. The service is available every day from 6:00 AM to midnight at 5/8 minute intervals. You'll find the train station stop or "People Mover" outside the terminal, there will be signs.



Once you get to Pisa Centrale, find your next train from the screens around the train station. Depending upon the train you picked, you'll either have a direct train from Pisa to Lucca or another train change in Viareggio. Try to get a train that only stops at Pisa Centrale just to save a little bit of headache.

PISA FERMATA AEROPORTO 10:00 → Lucca 10:48		⌚ 0h 48' Changes: 1 ▲	People Mover PM050 ⓘ Regionale 6939 ⓘ	from <b>6.20 €</b> ▼
PISA FERMATA AEROPORTO 10:00	Pisa Centrale 10:08	⌚ 0h 08'	People Mover PM050	Close ✕
Pisa Centrale 10:20	Lucca 10:48	⌚ 0h 28'	Regionale 6939	
PISA FERMATA AEROPORTO 11:10 → Lucca 12:27		⌚ 1h 17' Changes: 2 ▲	People Mover PM064 ⓘ Regionale 23624 ⓘ Regionale 3055 ⓘ	from <b>8.30 €</b> ▼
PISA FERMATA AEROPORTO 11:10	Pisa Centrale 11:18	⌚ 0h 08'	People Mover PM064	Close ✕
Pisa Centrale 11:25	Viareggio 11:44	⌚ 0h 19'	Regionale 23624	
Viareggio 12:07	Lucca 12:27	⌚ 0h 20'	Regionale 3055	

- **From Rome Airport (Fiumicino Aeroporto) → Lucca:**

There are two main routes from Rome to Lucca...one is up the coast through Pisa and the other is inland via Florence. Either way, you will have one to two train changes along the way from the airport.

- **Via Florence:** traveling through Florence will be more expensive, closer to €45 but this is because you'll be traveling on one of the high speed trains that has fewer stops (if any) along the way. Traveling to Lucca via Florence will take about 4 hours.
- **Via Pisa:** this train route is usually the cheaper option (often about €10 less than the Florence route) BUT it will also be the longer route, often taking about 5-6 hours to travel from Rome to Lucca. Albeit it's a very pretty ride up along the coastal area of Italy, and you may even see the Leaning Tower!

**Getting to the train station at Fiumicino:** Some planes are in the terminal farthest away and will require you to take a mini train to the main terminal, just follow the crowd. You'll then have to go through Passport Control/Customs (**Controllo del Passaporto/Dogana**), grab your luggage if needed and exit past security into the lobby of the airport.

Once past the security point and in the lobby, go to the right down the hallway (you don't need to exit the airport) and start looking/following signs for the train (below).



or



You'll end up going towards the left and up some escalators and arrive in the train terminal...marked with a purple train on the map below.



Find one of the kiosks and see which trains are your best option for your departure time. Once you have your ticket to Lucca, validate it and board your train if it's already at the platform!

Here's a few sample tickets so you can see some potential train options. The first train even takes the Leonardo Express to the center of Rome before heading the Florence.

Fiumicino Aeroporto <b>11:23</b>		→	Lucca <b>15:29</b>		⌚ 4h 06' Changes: 2 ▲	Leonardo Express 3271 ⓘ Frecciarossa 1000 9528 ⓘ Regionale 3064 ⓘ	from <b>41.50 €</b> ▼
Fiumicino Aeroporto 11:23	Roma Termini 11:55		⌚ 0h 32'	Leonardo Express 3271		Close ✕	
Roma Termini 12:20	Firenze S. M. Novella 13:51		⌚ 1h 31'	Frecciarossa 1000 9528			
Firenze S. M. Novella 14:10	Lucca 15:29		⌚ 1h 19'	Regionale 3064			
Fiumicino Aeroporto <b>11:42</b>		→	Lucca <b>17:17</b>		⌚ 5h 35' Changes: 2 ▲	Regionale 22045 ⓘ Regionale Veloce 2340 ⓘ Regionale 6831 ⓘ	from <b>32.35 €</b> ▼ Choose
Fiumicino Aeroporto 11:42	Roma Trastevere 12:08		⌚ 0h 26'	Regionale 22045		Close ✕	
Roma Trastevere 12:27	Pisa Centrale 16:15		⌚ 3h 48'	Regionale Veloce 2340			
Pisa Centrale 16:50	Lucca 17:17		⌚ 0h 27'	Regionale 6831			

Depending upon your arrival time in Rome, you may even catch one of these awesome direct to Florence trains from the airport! WIN!!!

Fiumicino Aeroporto <b>11:08</b>		→	Lucca <b>15:23</b>		⌚ 4h 15' Changes: 1 ▲	Frecciargento 8431 ⓘ Regionale 3062 ⓘ	from <b>32.50 €</b> ▼
Fiumicino Aeroporto 11:08	Firenze S. M. Novella 13:22		⌚ 2h 14'	Frecciargento 8431		Close ✕	
Firenze S. M. Novella 13:38	Lucca 15:23		⌚ 1h 45'	Regionale 3062			

- **Rome Airport (Fiumicino Aeroporto) → Rome:**

If you'd like to stop in Rome and look around for a bit or spend a couple days there before coming to Lucca, just buy the Leonardo Express ticket from the airport to Roma Termini only. This will take you to the main train station in Rome (**Roma Termini**). It costs €14, leaves every 15' during 7AM-9PM (every 30' outside of that time frame), doesn't have any stops between the airport and the train station and takes about 32 minutes. WIN!



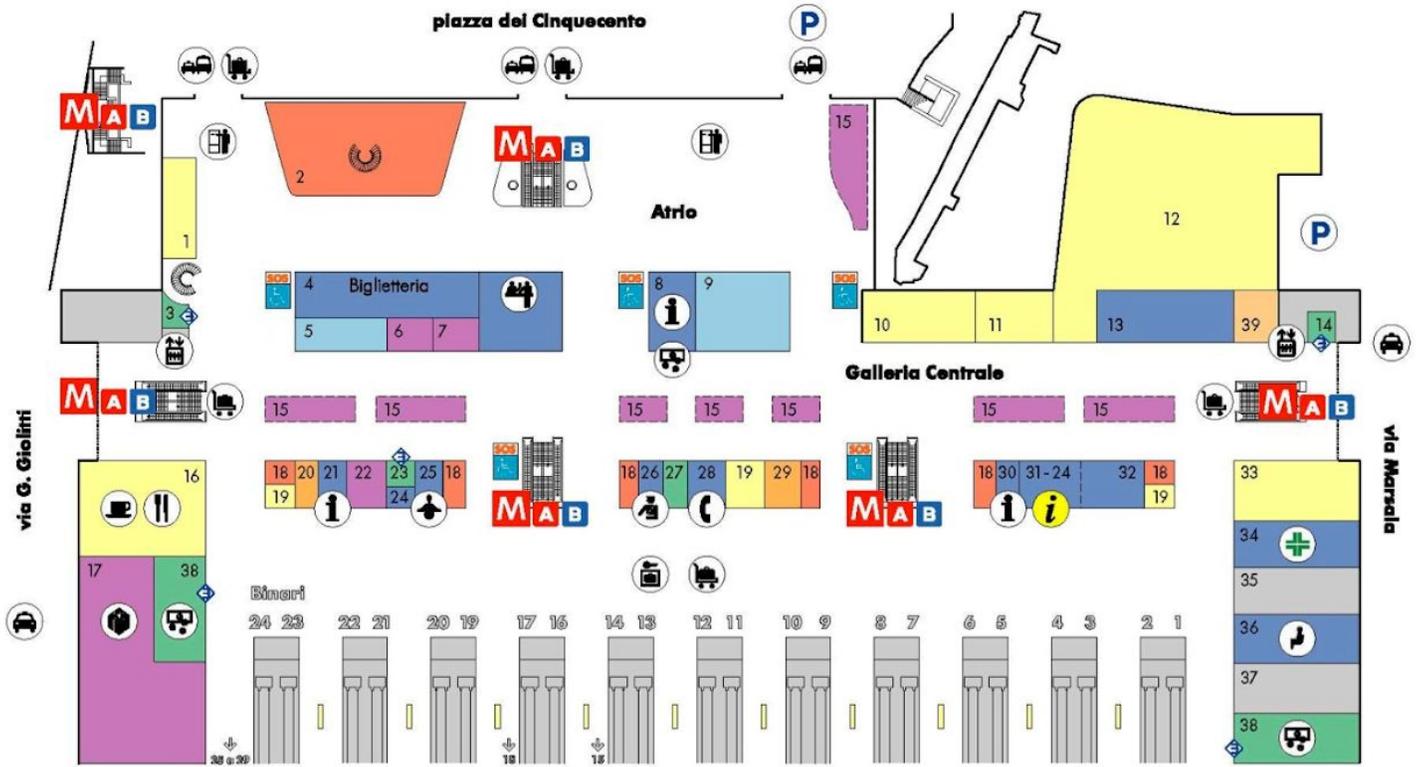
To get to the Leonardo Express, follow the instructions for getting to the Fiumicino Airport train station in the previous section. Instead of buying your ticket to Lucca, you'll just buy it to Rome Termini via the Leonardo Express!

- There are also many **taxis** that will take you straight from the airport, they will charge about €48 (a great option if you have a lot of luggage and a few people to split the cost).
- There are a few **buses** that will take you straight to Termini too! These are usually the cheapest option but typically takes the longest amount of time to get to the center of Rome. We only recommend this option if you are in no hurry.

- **From Rome Train Station (Roma Termini) → Lucca:**

Ready to continue your journey to Lucca? Roma Termini is a bustling place, but also a fun place to kill some time in between trains! Keep an eye on your luggage at all times! There's plenty of food options, free WIFI (YAY!), bookstores, restrooms, and luggage check if you want to pop out and see the city!

Luggage check or **Deposito Bagaglio** is in the lower floor of the station, about where the purple section is on the lower left of the map.



- When you're ready to continue your journey from Rome to Lucca, find one of the MANY kiosks in the Roma Termini station and buy your ticket for Lucca! The kiosks are found in the main lobby area, in the hallways and even in the underground area. They're everywhere!

There's also a *Biglietteria* in the main lobby if you want to buy it from a real person. :)